



**The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.**  
**STATE AWARDS SPRING 2023**

GCFM State Awards for projects during the 2022 calendar year

<b>II. CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS</b>	<b>C. Continuing Civic Projects Award</b>	COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF WESTON
<b>III. CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS</b>	<b>A. Mildred S. Parker Conservation Award</b>	ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB to honor Maria Bartlett
	<b>B. Conservation</b>	ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB
	<b>D. Patricia Dennett Grant</b>	APTUCXET GARDEN CLUB OF BOURNE
<b>V. GARDEN THERAPY</b>	<b>A. Mrs. Ralph H. Davis Silver Bowl</b>	FRAMINGHAM GARDEN CLUB
	<b>B. Garden Therapy certificate</b>	BURLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
<b>VII. LANDSCAPE DESIGN</b>	<b>A. Virginia F. Thurston Landscape Design Award</b>	BOXFORD VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB
<b>VIII. MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>Membership Award</b>	DANVERS GARDEN CLUB
<b>X. PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD</b>	<b>A. Public Relations</b>	ACTON GARDEN CLUB
<b>XI. PUBLICATIONS</b>	<b>A. Publications Award</b>	1. GROTON GARDEN CLUB – for Membership Outreach
		2. ACTON GARDEN CLUB – for Historical Preservation
	<b>B. Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award</b>	VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB OF DENNIS

<b>XI. PUBLICATIONS</b> <b>C. YEARBOOK</b>	<b>C. YEARBOOK</b> <b>Clubs of 20-29 member's</b>	Village Garden Club of Andover
	<b>C. YEARBOOK</b> <b>Clubs of 30-44 members</b>	Norwood Evening Garden Club
	<b>C. YEARBOOK</b> <b>Clubs of 45-69 members</b>	Boxford Village Garden Club
	<b>C. YEARBOOK</b> <b>Clubs of 70-99 members</b>	Waltham Garden Club
	<b>C. YEARBOOK</b> <b>Clubs of 100-300 members</b>	Danvers Garden Club

**National Garden Club  
NEW ENGLAND REGION WINNERS for 2022-2023  
YOUTH CONTESTS - POETRY & ESSAY**

<b>1st place winners</b>	<b>Grade 3 Tatum Breen</b>	<b>North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts</b>
<p><b>“My Wide-Awake Dreamworld”</b>  When I look at a forest, can you guess what I see?  Colorful leaves, some floating down, like falling stars in a night’s sky above me.  All around are paths of flowers, with colors like rainbows so vibrant and bright:  Yellows like the sun, waves of oceany blue and touches of cloud-like white.  The tall trees rising above, with branches reaching far and wide,  Like the arms of beanstalk giants! Are they friendly, or should I run and hide?</p> <p>I see butterflies with wings colorful as sunsets fluttering by.  They’re like fairies and pixies, impossible to capture no matter how hard I try!  I hear birds singing songs like the magical lullabies I hear as I fall asleep every night.  I see ants, bees and other bugs busy working just like fairy tales elves might.  The ground is lined with seeds creating many paths I can choose.  Like the dots on a treasure map a pirate might use!  When I look at a forest, do you now know what I see?  It is my “wide awake dreamworld” filled with whatever my imagination wants it to be.</p>		
<b>2nd Place winner</b>	<b>Grade 4 Madelyn Brown</b>	<b>North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts</b>
<p><b>“How My Garden Grows”</b>  Winter is gone, we’re clear of snow  Time to let my garden grow  I dig a hole and plant my seeds And every day I’ll pick the weeds With sun and water my plants grow tall</p> <p>Soon they’ll reach the garden wall  Little buds and blossoms appear  A buzzing sound means bees are near  They pollinator, then fly away  My flowers turn to fruit this way  Zucchini, tomato, squash and peas  Now I’ll eat then as I please  It was fun to watch my garden grow  I learned what you reap is what you sow</p>		
<b>2nd Place winner</b>	<b>Grade 5 Harper Breen</b>	<b>North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts</b>
<p><b>“A “New-bees” First Spring Flight”</b>  From a honey-yellow hive hanging in a sun- warmed reviving tree,  Out pops a very shy little new-born honeybee!  Full of excitement for her very first Spring, she quickly starts looking around,  Her senses taking in Nature’s “magical kingdom” everywhere a new smell, sight and sound!</p>		

Below is a path of flowing blue movement to first catch her curious eye.

She stretches, opens her wings and, in the stream's direction begins her very first fly. When she reaches the end of the rolling blue trail, a cascade of aromas and colors fill her head.

This is what her mom softly sang songs to her about; a fresh blooming Spring flower bed! Suddenly her very "bee-ing" is overwhelmed by a smell which brings on a most joyous mood. Excited, she flies from flower to flower, gathering pollen and nectar, every bee's favorite food! With her collection soon completed, a moment's rest on a tree branch to again take in all the wonder around:

The cool feel of a breeze, joyous sound of singing birds, watching seeds as they float to the ground.

With a promise to soon return, the little "new- bee" gives her flowerbed friends a wing wave farewell.

She flies back up the water courses to her hive, now with a tale of a "First Spring Flight" to tell!

<b>1st Place winner</b>	<b>Grade 7 Hannah Geller</b>	<b>Framingham Garden Club, Massachusetts</b>
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**"The Garden"**

Pink flowers  
Green trees  
Rain showers  
Yellow bees  
Weeds and dirt  
Green and brown  
Get on my shirt  
After I sit on the ground  
This is where  
We all play  
Out in the garden  
Every day